

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Antonio Bridges,

Plaintiff

v.

Black,

Defendant

Case No.: 2:20-cv-01857-JAD-VCF

**Order Denying Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis***

[ECF No. 6]

This civil-rights action was dismissed and closed in December 2020 when pro se plaintiff Antonio Bridges failed to either pay the \$402 filing fee or file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.<sup>1</sup> Two months later, Bridges filed a first-amended complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.<sup>2</sup> Bridges included this action's case number in the caption of his *in forma pauperis* application, so the Clerk of the Court filed the documents in this action.<sup>3</sup> On May 5, 2021, Bridges sent a letter inquiring about the status of his new action, explaining why this action had been dismissed, and stating he had filed documents to initiate a new action.<sup>4</sup>

Bridges has not moved to reopen this action and set aside the dismissal order. He does not argue that his failure to timely file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action was the product of excusable neglect. And I am not satisfied that relief from the dismissal order is merited on this record.

<sup>1</sup> ECF Nos. 4, 5.

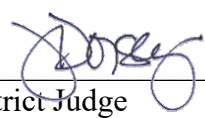
<sup>2</sup> ECF Nos. 6, 6-1.

<sup>3</sup> ECF No. 6 at 1.

<sup>4</sup> ECF No. 7.

1 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (**ECF No. 6**) is  
2 **DENIED**. If Bridges wants to pursue his claims, he must file a complaint in a **new** action and  
3 either pay the filing fee or properly apply to proceed *in forma pauperis*. And Bridges should not  
4 write the case number for this action in the caption of documents intended for any new action.

5 Dated: October 7, 2022

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